GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education Dept - Establishment of Quality Assurance Cell (QAC) in Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) under section of 11 (2) of APSCHE Act, 1988 – Convey the proposal - Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (U.E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.10. Dated:20.01.2021

Read the following:

1. From the Secretary, APSCHE, Lr.No.APSCHE/UMS-C3-1064- APSCHE/ Quality Assur/2019, Dated:20.01.2020
2. Govt.letter.No.1076004/UE/A1/2020, Higher Education(U.E) Dept, Dated:01-09-2020.
3. From the Secretary, Lr.No. APSCHE/UMs-C3-1064- APSCHE/ Quality Assur./2020 Dated:22-10-2020.

ORDER:

The circumstances reported by the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) in the letter 3rd read above, Govt hereby convey the sanction for creation of Quality Assurance Cell (QAC) in Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education under section 11 (2) III (vii) of the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education Act,1988 (Act No.16 of 1988) with a view to enhance the quality &standards in all Higher Educational Institutions of the State and to extend qualitative support to make them ready for assessment and accreditation by NAAC, NBA, and for participation in NIRF, QS, Times International ranking. The proposed organization system i.e., Quality Assurance Cell (QAC) will perform activities with the following objectives, functions and strategies to achieve the expected outcomes.

I. Objectives:

(i) To promote quality standards in all the Higher Educational Institutions of the State.

(ii) To extend qualitative support to all Universities and Colleges to make them ready for assessment and accreditation by NAAC, NBA and participation in NIRF, QS, and Times International Rankings.

(iii) To develop a database of all the Universities and Colleges on various quality parameters to identify gaps and suggest reform measures.

(iv) To develop quality audit system for all institutions.

(v) To organize programmes for creating awareness on best practices by inviting experts from India and abroad.

II. Functions of the Quality Assurance Cell:

(i) Acts as a nodal agency for all the Higher Educational Institutions of the State to coordinate improvement of quality related activities and disseminate best practices.

(ii) Organizes programmes for quality improvement in higher education.

(iii) Extends qualitative support to all the Higher Educational Institutions for making them ready for accreditation and ranking process.

(iv) Helps Higher Educational Institutions in conducting academic and administrative audit systematically.

(v) Initiates programmes to promote quality culture in Higher Educational Institutions.

(vi) Develops an expert team of quality assurance by selecting faculty members with quality aptitude from Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions of Andhra Pradesh to extend various support to the Higher Educational Institutions.

(vii) Organizes programmes for capacity building of the IQAC Coordinators of all the Higher Educational Institutions.

(viii) Identifies Higher Education Institutions which are capable of mentoring &nurturing the attached institutions for getting accreditation.

(ix) Takeup any other activity as suggested by the Advisory Committee from time to time.

III. Strategies: A state level organizational system will be developed on quality assurance involving the Quality Assurance Cell of APSCHE and the IQAC Coordinators/Directors of Universities and Colleges. The following strategies shall be adopted to achieve the objectives of QAC of APSCHE:

(i) Identification of 10 faculty members drawn from colleges and Universities from each district who have the ability and interest in improving quality of the institutions.

(ii) To train identified faculty members (10 x 13 districts = 130) on quality assessment and designating them as Quality Assessors.

(iii) The Quality Assessors will be accessible to the colleges in the district for extending all kinds of technical support in getting ready for quality assessment process.

(iv) The Quality Assessors will also be imparted training on ISO Certification.

(v) The list of recognized Quality Assessors will be placed on the website of APSCHE and will be made as part of the organization system to ensure quality of institutions.

(vi) The colleges will be classified into A, B, and C categories. The colleges having all necessary qualities to apply for accreditation with moderate support will be placed under **Category-A.** The aim is to encourage them to apply for accreditation within one year. The colleges who have the potential to get accredited but require special focus and support will be placed under Category-B. The colleges under category-B will be given a time frame of two years to get ready for NAAC accreditation. All other colleges will be placed under Category-C and they will be given 3-4 years time to get ready for NAAC accreditation.

(vii) The Universities and Colleges who are accredited by NAAC already will be provided with required support to upgrade the NAAC grading.

(viii) Similar processes will be undertaken to upgrade for NBA accreditation, NIRF, QS, and Times International rankings.

(ix) The performance of Universities and Colleges with respect of the criteria of assessment will be reviewed periodically by the team of experts at QAC of APSCHE to identify the gaps and to suggest measures.

(X) The IQAC Coordinators/Directors of Universities and Colleges will be trained on various quality parameters periodically.

(XI) The QAC will organize awareness and motivational campaign on improvement of quality enhancement, assurance, and accreditation throughout the State.

(XII) The QAC will conduct meetings with A, B, and C category colleges for exchanging views on various quality parameters and to workout strategies for improvement.

(XIII) The best practices of various institutions in India and abroad will be collected and disseminated to all Universities and Colleges to adopt them as per their needs and existing frame work.

(XIV) The QAC will suggest policy measures to promote quality in Higher educational Institutions.

IV. Expected outcome; The following are the expected outcomes:

(i) It is expected that due to introduction of several initiatives, there will be a marked improvement in quality of the Universities and Colleges in terms of curricular aspects, teaching-learning and evaluation, research and consultancy, extension, infrastructure,

student support, management and governance, and innovation and best practices.

(ii) The RUSA funding is linked to NAAC accreditation of Universities and Colleges. With the efforts of QAC all the eligible Universities and Colleges of the state will be accredited by NAAC within a span of four years and therefore, the State can get financial support from several Central Government Schemes.

(iii) The State Higher Education system will have a positive image across the country and abroad. It helps in attracting students from foreign countries and also funding for research.

(iv) The quality enhancement results in quality education and therefore, there will be a marked improvement in student placements.

V. Constitution of Advisory Committee.

(i) Chairman: Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

(ii) Convener: The Director of Quality Assurance Cell of APSCHE

(iii) Ex-Officio members**;**

(a) The Secretary/Prl.Secy/Spl.C.S to Govt, Higher Education Department,
(b) The Commissioner of Collegiate Education
(c) The Commissioner of Technical Education
(d) The Secretary, APSCHE .

(iv) . Members:

(a) Two Vice-Chancellors nominated by the Chairman.

(b) Two representatives from autonomous affiliated colleges nominated by the Chairman.

(c) Two members from industry.

(d) Two members from Higher Educational Institutions.

Note(1): Two Vice-Chancellors nominated by the Chairman: Vice-Chancellors of two Universities – one from the Universities established before 2008 and one from the Universities established after 2008. The University should have completed at least 5 years from the date of establishment. The term of the member will be for 3 years. The members under this category will be nominated on rotation basis from among the Universities.

Note (2): Two representatives from autonomous colleges nominated by the Chairman: One member from Professional colleges and one member from conventional general colleges will be selected under this category. The term of the member will be for 3 years. The members under this category will be rotated among the respective colleges.

Note (3): Two members from industry: One member from Public Sector and one member from Private Sector will be nominated under this category, The term of the member will be for 3 (three) years.

Note (4) : Two Principals of Higher Educational Institutions: One member from professional colleges and one member from conventional general colleges will be selected under this category. The term of the member will be for 3 years. The members under this category will be nominated on rotation basis from among the respective colleges.

(v) The Director and other members of the advisory committee shall be nominated by the Government on the advice of Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

(vi) The Advisory Committee meets twice in a year to review the Quality Assurance initiatives and to develop the plans for the further.

(vii) For secretarial assistance, one dedicated staff with computer skills and communication skills shall be filled on deputation basis only.

(viii) For performing the stated activities of the QAC, Four Academic Officers shall be nominated on consolidated pay.

2. The required budget of an amount of Rs.88.50 lakhs per annum for establishment of Quality Assurance Cell (QAC) and for taking up various initiatives by QAC subject to the amount is met by the internal revenue generated of Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education(APSCHE).The details of budget are annexed to this order.

3. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) shall take necessary action accordingly.

4. This orders issues with the concurrences of the Finance Dept., vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0PC (HTE) /23/2020 – FMU - HTE (Computer No.1119507) Dated:13.03.2020.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANHDRA PRADESH)

SATISH CHANDRA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Managalagiri.

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SECTION OFFICER

Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.10, Higher Education (U.E) Dept, Dated:20-01-2021.

S. No	Name	Details	Budget per annum.
1.	Academic consultant	50,000*4*12 Months	24,00,000-00
2.	Staff	25,000*2*12 Months	6,00,000-00
3.	Stationery/postage	1,00,000 PA	1,00,000-00
4.	Other Expenditure	2,00,000 PA	2,00,000-00
5.	Infrastructure	-	5,00,000-00
6.	Meeting expenditure of committees Per head@ 25,000*2*15	-	7,50,000-00
7.	Capacity building programs @ 130 Members *10,000 per head	-	13,00,000-00
8.	Organising programs	-	20,000,00-00
9.	Other related Expenditure, Studies, Visits to other states etc.	-	10,00,000-00
		Total	Rs.88,50,000-00

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